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U.S. Application No. 09/922,739

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REMARKS

Formalities

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-13, 15, 23-27 and 29-38 are all the claims currently pending in this Application.

With this Office Action, the Examiner returns a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-Form 1449 submitted with the September 7, 2004 IDS.

Claim Rejections

In the current Office Action, the Examiner includes a newly-cited reference in his rejection: Iijima et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,787,343 ("Iijima"). Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 9, 11-13, 15, 27, and 29-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Alanara, U.S. Patent No. 6,064,880 ("Alanara"), in view of Iijima. Claims 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Cox et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,256,515 ("Cox"), in view of Iijima. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Alanara, in view of Iijima and Cox. Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Alanara, Iijima, Cox, and Fernandez et al., WO 99/65256 ("Fernandez").

Distinctions between the present invention and the cited references.

In the 1.111 Amendment of July 18, 2005 Applicant submitted that none of the cited references taught or suggested "at least a directory or records, wherein each record includes an indicator which indicates whether a connection to a contact is permitted, such that a communication control unit can refer to the director to determine whether or not a requested

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connection of a contact to a mobile phone is permitted." In the current Office Action, the Examiner relies on the newly-cited Iijima reference as teaching this limitation.

According to an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, "data indicating that a call from which terminal should be permitted is stored in a server," and "data indicating a transmission side terminal is stored in the present invention." Thus, for a mobile terminal, the replica directory of the present invention stores a list of records. For example, for a mobile terminal A, there is a replica directory including a list of contacts, where a contact can be a phone number or an e-mail address which the user of the mobile terminal A may wish to call or contact or a phone number or e-mail address which the user of the mobile terminal A may wish to receive a call or an e-mail from. Each of the contacts in the replica directory associated with mobile terminal A also includes a flag which indicates whether a user of mobile terminal A may place a call (or send an e-mail, for example) to that particular contact or whether a phone call (or an e-mail for example) from that particular contact may be received by mobile terminal A.

In contrast to the above exemplary description of the present invention, the Iijima reference teaches a database which may store a list of mobile terminals and fixed terminals and for each terminal there may be a flag which indicates whether a phone call (any phone call) may be received by that terminal. Thus, the exemplary embodiment of the present invention is focused on whether connections for or from a mobile terminal are permitted (versus simply connections for) and that the directories of this exemplary embodiment of the present invention have indicators associated with the contactor/contactee rather than with the mobile terminal (i.e. the permission is contactor/contactee-specific rather than mobile phone specific).

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Further, Applicant submits that none of Alanara, Cox, and Fernandez remedy the above-discussed deficiencies of Iijima.

Based on the above understanding, Applicant amends the claims in order to clarify the above-discussed limitations.

Claim 1 and dependent claims. As discussed above, Applicant submits that no reasonable combination of the cited references teaches or suggests a replica directory, as recited in Claim 1, which “comprises at least one record and each record comprises a contact and an indicator which indicates whether a connection from said mobile phone to said contact is permitted or whether a connection from said contact to said mobile phone is permitted.”

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 5-7 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 8, 12, 23, 27, 34, and 38 and dependent claims. As discussed above, Applicant submits that no reasonable combination of the cited references teaches or suggests a directory “associated with said mobile phone, wherein said directory comprises at least one record and each record comprises information regarding a contact and an indicator which indicates whether a connection from the contact to said mobile phone or a connection from said mobile phone to the contact is permitted,” as recited in Claim 8 (*see also* Claims 12, 23, 27, 34, and 38).

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 8, 9, 11-13, 15, 23-27, and 29-38 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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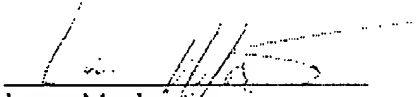
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